

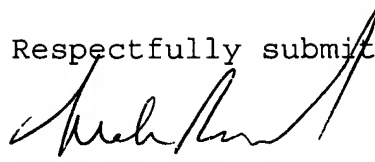
Remarks

On April 7, 2004, applicants filed the above-identified application. In the "TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR RULE 53(b) CONTINUING PATENT APPLICATION" (hereinafter "the transmittal letter"), applicants attempted to cancel all claims except for claim 1 in the listing of claims presented with the specification. On December 30, 2004, the USPTO mailed a "Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment" to the applicants, requesting that applicants re-submit the preliminary amendment after bringing it into compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121.

In the original listing of claims presented with the specification and that applicants attempted to amend in the transmittal letter, applicants inadvertently mis-numbered the claims. While the last claim in the original listing of claims is numbered as claim 29, applicants actually presented a total of 31 claims. Accordingly, applicants have cancelled claims 2-31 on page 2 of this paper.

Applicants respectfully submit that the preliminary amendment now is in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121.

Respectfully submitted,



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